

one, made by Miss Mary Saylor of Falls City, Neb. We realized \$22.20 as the result of our labor.

Our Society expects to send \$40 to Chicago Mission in a short time. Two months ago our president appointed a leader for each Sunday evening for the following three months. These names with the subjects for each evening's lesson was placed in a frame in the rear of the Endeavor room. We find this to be a very successful plan.

We should be much pleased to hear what some of our sister Young People's Societies are doing. May God's choicest blessing rest on all of us.

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Christian Life

Trust and Rest

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O blessed rest that Jesus gives
To those who trust in Him!
Hidden in love and heav'nly grace,
They, like the seraphim,
Will praise the name of Him above,
And bear His messages of love.

His rest doth stronger, sweeter grow
When cares our faith would dim;
For one by one, and lo! they're gone,
While we are trusting Him.
And nestling closer to His breast
We feel that He Himself is rest.

Tho oft in patience long we wait,
He leaves us not, but still
Is working with His wondrous power
To bring to pass His will.
And turmoil—ah! those bygone days
Are lost amidst abundant praise.

In trust and rest we've learned to know
Himself in all His love.
And in our lives His will is wrought
As in the realms above.
For, knowing that His will is best,
We confidently trust and rest.

—Christian Advocate.

Being Worth Knowing

A girl, eager, ambitious, restless for many things, once heard two sentences that changed much of her life. They were these: "Would you be known? Then be worth knowing."

In a flash she saw how cheap an ambition hers had been and how selfish. Who was she to long for the friendship of high souls? What had she to give them in return for the treasure of their lives? Would she, as she was, even understand their language?

In humility and sorrow she prayed again—no longer that she might be known, but that, in God's good time, her own life might grow strong and beautiful, that she might prove worthy of all of the blessings that were given her. Then, since God in his wisdom teaches us to answer many of our own prayers, she began to study, to read, and to think, and to try to love greatly. So years passed.

Did she become known? Never as in her childish dreams. But she found some-

thing far, far better. For she learned that to be known is nothing, and to try to be worth knowing that one may be known is less than nothing, but to lift one's soul to the highest living, because one will not be satisfied with lesser things, is a task whose joy deepens with every passing year and reaches on into God's eternity.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON STORY

Peter and Cornelius—Acts 10:34-44

This chapter marks the beginning of a new era in the progress of the Christian church. From its very inception Christianity was a universal religion, and tho it is declared that Jesus came to his own, that is to his own people and his own possessions, yet even tho the Jews should have accepted Christ the apostles would none the less have turned their attention to the Gentiles. It was God's plan and purpose that the Gentiles as well as the Jews should have the gospel preached to them and salvation offered them on the same conditions with the Jews. This purpose of God concerning the Gentiles and the universality of the gospel runs thru all the Messianic promises of the Old Testament. The giving of the gospel to the Gentiles was not an after thought of God; it was not given to them simply because the Jews rejected it, but because it was part of the eternal purpose of God. The prophets of the former dispensation looked for the coming of a kingdom which should be world wide, embracing all tribes, tongues and nations of the earth.

The tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles contains the story of the opening of the doors to the Gentile world. It is therefore one of the most remarkable and interesting chapters in the entire book. No one can intelligently present the truths of today's lesson without reading the entire chapter and making a careful study of the same. The two principal characters in the story are Cornelius and the Apostle Peter, and the lesson tells at great length and in minute detail how the Lord prepared the minds of these two men and brought them together in a way that led to the conversion of the one and made him the first fruits of the Gentile world. Cornelius was at Caesarea and Peter was at Joppa, and the Lord appeared to both at about the same time making known to them his purpose concerning the Gentiles.

Cornelius At Caesarea

Let us note who this man was and how the Lord revealed himself to him. (1) He was captain of a band of soldiers known as the Italian band, under the Roman government. (2) He was a devout man, this term being used to describe his religious character. (3) He was a God-fearing man, worshipping the one true God. He had embraced the Jewish faith, renounced idolatry and recognized the one God only. (4) It is recorded to his credit that he led his fam-

ily and all his house to worship the same God with himself. The influence of his religion reached beyond his home, for when he selected three men to carry a message to Joppa one of them was a "devout soldier." (5) He was of a liberal spirit and disposition. He gave alms not to be seen of men, but because of his kindly feeling toward those who were in need. The Word says he gave *much* alms. (6) He observed regular hours of prayer, the expression "prayed to God always" meaning that he prayed regularly at stated times.

Such was the character of Cornelius. That he was sincere is evident from the fact that his prayers and alms had been accepted of God. Many a Christian professor could not average up with this heathen Gentile of so many years ago. And yet Cornelius was not satisfied; he was conscious of the lack of something which he felt he must have if his religious life is to give him the peace which his heart and soul long for. It is to be noted here that however good a man may be his life is incomplete without Christ. If Christ is able to save the worst men, it is equally true that the best of men can not be saved without him. Christ was the one great thing lacking in the life of Cornelius; Christ is the one great thing lacking in the life of the world today, Christ in the home life, in the commercial life, in the political life, in the literary life, in the social of the world.

Peter At Joppa

While Cornelius was having his experience at Caesarea, the Lord appeared to Peter at Joppa and prepared him for the new duties that he was about to require of him. It was not an easy matter for Peter to get away from the idea that the gospel was for the Jews only, hence it required a special revelation from God to convince the apostle that God was not a respecter of persons, but that in every nation and in every age righteousness was accepted of him. The record of this revelation to Peter is found in Acts 10:9-18. God prepared the auditor and the preacher. The angel might have told Cornelius what he must do to be saved, but that work was committed into the hands of men and not of angels, hence he is directed to send to Joppa for the preacher who would tell him words whereby he must be saved. Angels are God's messengers, but they are not preachers.

Peter and Cornelius

When Peter came to the house of Cornelius he explained why it was that he was there and why he ventured to enter into the house of a Gentile, a thing which Cornelius well knew was not lawful according to Jewish customs. Peter then preached Christ to Cornelius, told of his coming into the world to save sinners, how he lived and taught and suffered and died and was buried, and how the third day he rose again and at last ascended into heaven. While Peter was yet speaking to the people the Holy Ghost fell